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Sen. Kuipers to push for Michigan flag pledge

Borculo — Sen. Wayne Kuipers (R-Holland), while speaking to a Borculo Christian School class today, announced he will try to have the Senate recite the pledge of allegiance to the Michigan flag each day.

Pupils in Sally Doeblers' fourth-grade class asked Kuipers to push for the change. He met with the class today to talk to them about how government works and say the pledge with them. The pupils start each day saying the pledges of allegiance to the U.S. and Michigan flags.

"I'm proud to join Mrs. Doeblers and her class in being such active learners," Kuipers said. "This effort reminds Michigan residents about the pride we all feel about our Great Lakes state."

Kuipers plans to introduce a measure on Tuesday, Dec. 9, that would change Senate rules and have members say the Michigan pledge along with the U.S. pledge.

Michigan officially adopted the pledge with Public Act 165 of 1972. The act records that the pledge was written by Harold G. Coburn but gives no more information about it.

A previous class of Doeblers' took part in the legislative process in 1997. The Zeeland-area class successfully pushed to make the white-tail deer the official state game mammal.

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Photos of this event will be available online after 5 p.m. at

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